



## Scope Snapshot

Our Wisconsin staff team all live in the Madison area, but our heart and our mission is to reach athletic departments around the state with the love and truth of Christ.

**Two of our team goals are: grow where we're at & go where we're not.**

That means developing and shepherding students at schools where we have a presence and are already connected to athletes and coaches (such as UW Madison, UW Eau Claire, UW Milwaukee, UW Whitewater, Marquette & Edgewood College). The latter goal refers to the scope of where we're trying to grow and trusting God to open doors for us to serve and create opportunities. We are trusting God to reach every athletic department in the state of Wisconsin! **This mission, that there would be a Christ follower on every team in every sport, in every school in the state of Wisconsin points to a vision of having it be possible that "Everyone would know someone who truly follows Jesus, and have an opportunity to trust Him too."** Because the harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few, its not possible for us to be on every campus all the time, so our strategy is to equip and develop athlete/coach leaders who have a heart to share the Good News and multiply their influence for His glory. We connect with, train, develop and encourage them and they multiply that at their university for wider spread influence.

Some ways that we are pursuing this vision as a team are some projects and events such as:



**UW- Oshkosh** - This week we are relaunching this campus with a pizza eating contest with help from a coach there. They have had student interest/ involvement in the past, but we are hoping this will put some fresh wind in the sails there, especially since there is a coach &

Cru staff who have initiated taking ownership of leading the charge!

**UW Stevens Point**- Last weekend Jayne & Holly (our teammate) shared a development experience for student leaders in Stevens Point. They did training on how to initiate and lead Bible studies & equipped them with a workshop on how to share your testimony.

**UW Milwaukee** - God has been doing some really special things through the ministry that is going at UWM! So much so that a graduated baseball player, Ben, has joined AIA as part time staff! Ben is raising his financial support and beginning his ministry training. Kyle is helping lead him in that training!



## Prayer Requests:

~Praise God for the many women who are growing in their faith!

~Pray for guys to seek and hunger for the Lord. The frequent disproportion of guys to ladies involvement is heart breaking. Please pray for the guys to long for the Lord and make Him King of their lives.

~For students to be willing to "GO!" this summer. We have seen a clear connection between students going on summer opportunities/ missions trips and their exponential faith growth!

## The Intersection of Faith & Sport

While students were still on break in January we were planning as a team. We looked back on the fall semester in order to more effectively plan for the spring semester. It was very encouraging to celebrate that of the 26 athletic teams at UW Madison, 20 have a Christ Follower that we know of! 15 of the 26 teams have a Bible study happening on them and 44 athletes are being discipled for intentional growth in their faith! THANK YOU LORD! We are in awe of God moving in these students lives and humbled to get to be a part of that. We recognized as we evaluated our Monday night Badger Life group that while it has been going well, it could use some refreshing. One way that we are trusting God to bring closer community in Badger Life is by leaning more heavily on discussion groups and less time on the up-front content. We have increased the amount of time spent digging into Scripture in small groups and adjusted the seating to create what we hope is a cozier more engaging environment! Please pray with us for Badger Life (each Monday at 8pm) as this is often a "front door" for meeting new and exploring students.



**THANK YOU** for continuing to partner with our family as we trust God to see Christ followers on & in EVERY team, sport, nation.

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